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- [Why higher education matters](#)
- [Addressing the generation gap in Agriculture for socio economic development of Africa](#)
- [Investing in Africa's Young population to drive the Continent's Agenda](#)
- [Meet Cohort One 2017 MCF@RUFORUM students](#)
- [Prof. Achille Assogbadjo recognized for his outstanding research contribution](#)
- [How do you prepare students for an unknowable future?](#)
- **Event:** [13th RUFORUM Annual General Meeting, Lilongwe, 19 October – 2 November 2017](#). Get updates on Twitter via hashtag #Visioning2030

PUBLICATIONS

- [RUFORUM 13th Annual General Meeting and Side-Events Programme Handbook \(RUFORUM, 2017\)](#)
- [4th Summary report on implementation of STISA 2024 in English and French \(RUFORUM, 2017\)](#)
- [Capitalizing on PAEPARD experience of multi-stakeholder partnerships in agricultural research for development \(PAEPARD, 2017\)](#)
- [Serological survey of Neospora caninum and Besnoitia besnoiti in cattle and goats from smallholder farms in Angónia, Tete Province, Mozambique \(Nhacumbe et al, 2017\)](#)
- [Mainstreaming seed demand forecasting in the agenda of private and public sector seed actors \(Sokona, Asiedu & Heemskerk, 2016\)](#)
- [Establishment and piloting of post graduate programmes in selected African post conflict countries \(Majaliwa et al, 2016\)](#)
- [Africa Centre of Excellence in Aquaculture and Fisheries \(AquaFish\) \(Kassam et al, 2016\)](#)

FEATURED VIDEO: [Transformation Learning and Student Leadership Development](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and Awards

- **(New-RUFORUM Call)** [Call for establishment of Agribusiness Incubation Hubs 2017/2018: RUFORUM Entrepreneurship Challenge Program \(RECAP\)](#). Open to all RUFORUM member universities. **Deadline: 30 December, 2017**
- **(RUFORUM call)** [Call for grant proposals under the Community Action Research Programme Plus Programme \(CARP+\) of RUFORUM](#). **Deadline: 31 October 2017**
- [DAAD scholarships for postgraduate studies in Germany 2018-2019](#). **Application deadlines vary across universities and programmes up to October 2017**
- [The Nestle Creating Shared Value Prize 2018](#) to help scale up or replicate business-oriented initiatives that address challenges in nutrition, water or rural development. **Deadline: 31 October 2017**
- [World Academy of Sciences Research Professorships in Least-Developed Countries](#). **Research groups and scientific institutions in LDCs should submit requests for visiting professors by 31 October 2017**

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- [Kwame Nkrumah Regional Scientific Awards for Women 2017](#). **Deadline: 31 October 2017**
- [Georg Forster Research Award](#) for academics of all disciplines. Nominees must be nationals of a developing or transition country excluding China and India. **Deadline: 31 October 2017**
- [Grand Challenges Explorations](#). Grant opportunities to foster innovation to solve key health and development problems. Open to anyone from any country and discipline. **Deadline: 8 November 2017**
- [African Union Kwame Nkrumah Awards for Scientific Excellence \(AUKNASE\) Continental Award 2017](#). **Deadline: 10 November 2017**
- [IAAE 2018 Carl K. Eicher Award for Best Doctoral Dissertation](#) in agricultural economics in Africa. Dissertations must have been completed during 2015, 2016 or 2017. **Nomination deadline: 26 January 2018**
- [NEPAD-SANBio mobility grants to support regional and international travel and accommodation for individuals in the Biosciences field](#). **Deadline: Open till December 2018**
- [WIOMSA Marine Research Grants Programme - Travel Grant](#). Supports young scientists to present research results at various fora. **Applications for travel grants can be submitted anytime**

Scholarships and courses:

- **(RUFORUM call)** [PhD Training Opportunities under the RUFORUM Graduate Teaching Assistantship Program](#). **Applications will be accepted throughout the year**
- Wageningen University & Research [MOOC on 'Advanced Biobased Conversion'](#). Free online course
- ICRA Courses 2018. Scholarships available. **Fellowship application deadline: 22 October 2017**
 - [Learning, action research and outreach – Making higher education boost food security](#), 12 – 30 March 2018, Wageningen. For lecturers, trainers and researchers in tertiary agricultural education
 - [Facing rural innovation challenges - Linking research to inclusive development for food security](#) 14 May – 1 June 2018, Wageningen. For professionals working in agricultural research, agribusiness, rural advisory services, food security and producer organisations.
 - [Building agribusiness relations for sustainable profit – Key skills for inclusive business brokerage](#) 25 June – 6 July 2018, Ibadan. For agribusiness service providers and coaches working with smallholder farmers and agro-entrepreneurs.
- [Echoing Green Fellowships 2017-2018](#). Provides emerging social entrepreneurs around the world with seed capital and technical assistance to support their start-up organizations. **Deadline: 24 October 2017**
- **(New)** [African Institute for Mathematical Sciences Fellowships for Women in Climate Change Science](#). Applicants should possess a doctoral degree in a relevant quantitative discipline. **Deadline: 27 October 2017**
- **(New)** [Masdar Institute scholarships for graduate studies in the UAE](#). Full scholarships for masters and doctoral degree programs in subject areas including water and environmental engineering. **Deadline: 31 October 2017**
- [HarvardX - Free online courses from Harvard University](#) including data analysis, statistics and genomics. **Deadlines vary.**
- [USDA 2018 Borlaug Global Cocoa Initiative Fellowships](#). For applicants from Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana and Liberia. **Deadline: 5 November 2017**
- [Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program](#). For universities in Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda; and African-born scholars in the United States or Canada. **Deadline: 8 November 2017**
- [STIAS Iso Lomso Fellowships](#). Three year fellowship for early career African researchers who hold an academic position at a university or research institution anywhere in Africa. **Deadline: 15 November 2017**

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- [Schlumberger Foundation - Funding for Women in PhD and Post-Doctoral Studies 2018-2019](#) in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines. **Deadline: 17 November 2017**
- [World Bank Group Africa Fellowship Program 2018](#). For PhD students or recent graduates who are Sub-Saharan nationals. **Deadline: 19 November 2017**
- [Australia Awards – Africa](#) for master’s studies, short courses and post-doctoral fellowships. **Deadline: 30 November 2017 for post-docs; 15 December 2017 for masters; and 15 January 2018 for short courses**
- [Association of African Universities \(AAU\) Staff Exchange Programme 2017](#). For staff of AAU member universities. **All exchange missions have to be completed by end of December 2017**
- [International Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology \(ICGEB\) — Arturo Falaschi Fellowships Programme](#). **Deadline: 31 December for short-term fellowships**
- [Free e-learning courses from FAO](#)
- **(New)** [American Association of University Women \(AAUW\) International Fellowship](#). For women pursuing full-time graduate or postdoctoral study in the U.S. who are not citizens or permanent residents. **Deadline: 1 December 2017**
- e-agriculture learning activity: Drones for agriculture and rural development. Register [here](#)
- [Elsevier Publishing Campus](#): free online training platform for researchers to improve their knowledge and skills in publishing academic research
- [STEPS Summer School on Pathways to Sustainability](#), 14-25 May 2018, United Kingdom. For doctoral and postdoctoral researchers. Some scholarships are available. **Deadline: 28 January 2018**
- [Nestlé Foundation grants](#) for research in human nutrition in low-income and lower middle-income countries. Support includes grants for Masters and PhD projects. **Applications accepted all year round**

Calls for Papers

- **(RUFORUM call)** [Call for manuscripts: African Journal for Rural Development](#). Regular articles, short communications and reviews accepted. **Deadline: Open**
- [Call for papers for 2018 Workshop on Altmetrics for Research Outputs Measurement and Scholarly Information Management, Singapore](#). Travel grants available for authors. **New deadline: 25 October 2017**
- [Call for papers and workshop proposals for the 4th International Association of Agricultural Information Specialists \(IAALD\) – Africa Conference 2018, Pretoria](#). **Deadline: 31 October 2017**
- [I for articles: Nature & Faune Journal](#) on the theme, “Creating a forest landscape restoration movement in Africa”. **Deadline: 1 December 2017**
- **(New)** [Call for submission of papers \(oral and visual\) for the 30th International Conference of Agricultural Economists \(ICAE 2018\) in Vancouver, 28 July – 2 August 2018](#). **Deadline: 15 January 2018**

WEBINARS

- African Open Science Platform webinar series on "Incentives for sharing research data" 25- 27 October 2017. [Register](#) by 20 October 2017
- **(New)** IEA Webinar on [“Energy Access Outlook: from Poverty to Prosperity, a World Energy Outlook 2017 Special Report](#), 23 October 2017
- **(New)** Online discussion by FSN Forum in Africa on ["Sustaining the Impact of Capacity Development Initiatives for African Youth in Agriculture"](#), 25 October 2017. To participate, register on [FSN Forum in Africa](#)
- **(New)** [Data science webinar on “Data literacy – closing the data skills gap](#), 26 October 2017
- **(New)** [COSA/GFAR/GLF Webinar: "How do we design effective measurement tools for the understanding, management and acceleration of impact?"](#), 26 October 2017

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JOBS

- Food and Agriculture Organization Fellowship Programme. Applicants should have a graduate or post-graduate degree, or be enrolled in a PhD programme. There are no age limits. **Deadline: 31 December 2017**
- **(New)** FAO RISE Call for Expression of Interest to join FAO roster of experts in rural Institutions and services; community mobilization and empowerment, and rural finance. **Deadline: 1 November 2017**

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